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First Named Inventor	Anton Blaakmeer
Art Unit	3643
Examiner Name	Son T. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	0702-010062

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- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (8 pp.)
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) & Curriculum vitae (8 pp. originals)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for One-Month Extension of Time (2pp. in trip.)

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants hereby submit the following amendments and remarks along with a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132, a Request for Continued Examination Transmittal and a one-month Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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